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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION

1. LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN LAHORE HAS BEEN CALM FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS, PROMPTING MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO LIFT CURFEW ENTIRELY ON MAY 17. FOLLOWING REPORTS ON ALL-INDIA RADIO THAT LT. GENERAL MOHAMMED IQBAL KHAN, IV CORPS COMMANDER AND MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR IN LAHORE, HAD RESIGNED, MAY 15 PRESS CARRIED PHOTOGRAPH OF HIM REVIEWING TROOPS ON CURFEW DUTY AS WELL AS SEVERAL MARTIAL LAW ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIM. THAT WAS FIRST OCCASION ON WHICH HE WAS PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED AS MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR FOR LAHORE.

2. ARMY HAD TO BE CALLED OUT MAY 14 TO ASSIST CIVIL AUTHORITIES IN MULTAN. ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB PRESS NOTE, OPPOSITION SUPPORTERS BARRICADED STREETS IN OLD CITY AND BEGAN TO OPEN FIRE ON POLICE, WHO MOVED IN WITH TEAR GAS AND RIFLES TO REMOVE THEM.

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WHEN FURTHER TROUBLE DEVELOPED DISTRICT MAGISTRATE HAD TO CALL IN ARMY TO ASSIST. CLASH RESULTED IN TWO DEAD AND TEN WOUNDED, INCLUDING FIVE ON GOVERNMENT SIDE. (REPORT DID NOT SAY IF THEY WERE POLICE OR ARMY.) MILITARY TOOK CONTROL OF OLD CITY AND IMPOSED CURFEW. MONDAY'S (MAY 16) PAPERS REPORTED THAT SITUATION WAS CALM, WITH CURFEW LIFTED FOR FOUR HOURS IN MORNING.

3. ANOTHER CLASH BETWEEN POLICE AND DEMONSTRATORS TOOK PLACE MAY 15 AT KAMOKE, ABOUT 17 MILES NORTH OF LAHORE. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, POLICE OPENED FIRE TO CONTROL CROWD, KILLING AT LEAST TWO PERSONS. PRESS REMAINS HEAVILY CENSORED, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT, MOST OF THEM PEACEFUL, CONTINUE IN OTHER PARTS OF CONSULAR DISTRICT.

4. CONGEN RESUMED FULL-SCALE OPERATIONS MAY 16 WHEN CURFEW WAS FIRST RELAXED DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.
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